

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 881 - HB 1245**

March 2, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires applicants for a new or expanded wastewater discharge permit to include with the application a statement considering alternatives to such discharge into surface waters. Authorizes the Water Quality Control Board to create a system of incentives to use methods of wastewater disposal that serve as alternatives to discharge into surface water. Such incentives shall include a permit term of ten years as opposed to the five-year duration of permits authorizing discharges into surface waters.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant**

**Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Environment and Conservation, lengthening the term of the permits to a ten-year duration could place up to \$80,000 in federal funds to the state in jeopardy.**

Assumption:

- Any decrease in permit revenue due to lengthening the term to ten years is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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